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Kids Choice Awards: State Radon Poster Contest

(Salt Lake City, Utah) – In October, Utah students were challenged to create posters about radon. Last year the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received eight entries from three schools. This year, Utah students rose to the challenge creating 60 posters from eight schools depicting the dangers of radon, where it comes from, how it gets into our homes, and how residents can test their home for this invisible, radioactive gas.

Now it's time to vote for your favorite poster.

Log on to www.radon.utah.gov and vote for your favorite radon poster by the December 12 deadline. Winners will be for the following categories:

1. Best Hand Drawn Radon Poster
2. Best Computer Aided Radon Poster
3. Best Overall Radon Poster

Last year, Sara Jane Egan and Rachel Pinnock, both from Olympus Junior High School, won statewide. Pinnock went on to win for her poster in the National contest. The 2007 state winners will receive awards from DEQ and have their posters reproduced and framed.

“The poster contest is a great way to educate people about the dangers of radon, the leading cause of non-smoking lung cancer,” said John Hultquist, radon program manager with the Division of Radiation Control. “Testing for radon in homes and schools is the only way to find out if a radon problem exists.”

Utah's Radon Program is also working with select intermediate schools to increase radon testing throughout Utah communities in preparation for January's National Radon Action Month.

For more information, visit www.radon.utah.gov.

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